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Mardi Gras Do's and Don'ts

MARDI GRAS TOP 10

DO

Keep all beads, small trinkets, snapping pops and plastic bags out of children's reach

Be extra careful driving or walking near parades and parade traffic

Make sure costumes are age appropriate and safety conscious

Establish a meeting place should you get separated

Place ID with contact information on your child

Respect the law — it's for your family's safety

Clear path for bands and marching groups

Stay close to your parents or guardians

Practice common sense

Cross at crosswalks



DO NOT

Leave children alone

Climb on or over barricades

Assume traffic will stop for you

Fight over throws — they're only plastic

Use silly string anywhere near an open flame

Approach horses unless rider indicates it's okay

Run between or chase floats for beads and throws

Place ladders in intersections or fasten them together

Reach under a float for anything — even if it is stopped

Approach float or other vehicle in parade until it comes to a complete stop

MARDI GRAS DATES

2003	March 4	2011	March 8	2019	March 5
2004	February 24	2012	February 21	2020	February 25
2005	February 8	2013	February 12	2021	February 16
2006	February 28	2014	March 4	2022	March 1
2007	February 20	2015	February 17	2023	February 21
2008	February 5	2016	February 9	2024	February 13
2009	February 24	2017	February 26		
2010	February 16	2018	February 13		

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